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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b)(4) the references listed in the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are being brought to the attention of the examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Submission of these references is not an admission that the references constitute prior art.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed references be made of record in the above-identified application and considered by the examiner during prosecution of the application.

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With reference to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(b)(4), this IDS is being filed contemporaneously with an RCE in the subject application. Accordingly, no fee is due.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), copies of the Japanese patent publications listed in the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of WO 87/05621.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), each of the Japanese patent publications was cited by the Japanese examiner in an office action mailed on January 20, 2009 in corresponding Japanese application no. 2005-501783. An English language translation of the Japanese office action is also enclosed. The relevance of each of said Japanese patent publications is set forth in the Japanese office action.

For the further information of the examiner, WO 87/05621 is listed because it is believed to be an English language counterpart of Japanese publication no. 7-68531 and US 4,239,613 is listed because it is it is believed to be an English language counterpart of Japanese publication no. 55-165995. It should also be noted that previously cited US 4,424,062 is believed to be an English language counterpart of Japanese publication no. 62-59758.

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